



Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to inform you of the proposal to expand Penkridge Middle School.

The expansion is necessary due to the increased need for middle school places within the local area as a result of population growth due to new housing.

The additional children cannot be accommodated at this school without the school expanding and they would start being admitted from September, 2019. The expansion is planned to include:

- Up to five additional teaching rooms
- Additional toilets

The proposed changes will help the Academy Trust fulfil its commitment to providing places for local children.

As part of these proposed changes there will be a four week consultation period. This will provide the opportunity for you to read about the proposed changes, see the plans for the school's development and attend a consultation meeting at the school.

This consultation document is also available to view on the school website www.penkridge.staffs.sch.uk and also on the Academy Trust website www.penkvalley.co.uk

Please send your views (as below) by 3pm on Wednesday 11 July 2018.

- Email your views to consultation@penkvalley.co.uk
- Write to Penkridge Middle School, Marsh Lane, Penkridge. ST19 5BW
- Attend the public consultation at Penkridge Middle Primary School on Wednesday 20 June 2018 from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and the consultation paper, we look forward to hearing your views on this exciting proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. N. Frost
Headteacher

Mr. M. Roberts
Chair of Trustees

STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

1. Staffordshire County Council is responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient school places in the county. Discussions have been held with the school, over the last year as a result of planned local housing.
2. We want to hear the views of local families, the local community, school staff, governors and parents and other bodies regarding the proposal to expand through the provision of:
 - Up to five additional teaching rooms
 - Additional toilets
3. It is important that you make your views known by 3pm Wednesday 11 July 2018.

WHY ARE MORE SCHOOL PLACES NEEDED?

4. The County Council is committed to providing the best possible start for young people, which means ensuring that every child who needs a school place in their area has one available.
5. In response to new housing being built in the village of Penkridge it is necessary to increase school capacity.
6. A scheme has been devised to provide the additional accommodation indicated above to ensure that pupils living within the catchment area of the school have the opportunity to attend.

PENKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7. Penkridge Middle School is the only middle school serving Penkridge village. The school was inspected by OFSTED in March 2017 and assessed as being a “good” school.
8. The current Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of Year 5 places offered to children starting their middle school education. Penkridge Middle School currently has a PAN of 100.
9. Projections indicate that numbers across the school will begin to increase during the academic year 2019/20.
10. The school will be unable to accommodate additional pupils expected in future years without the provision of additional teaching spaces.
11. The proposed scheme would provide more places for local children and result in improvements to the school environment.

HOW WOULD THE SCHOOL BE IMPROVED?

12. A scheme has been agreed with Penkridge Middle School that would include the provision of up to five additional teaching rooms and additional pupil toilets
13. The works will be funded by developer contributions from new housing and Staffordshire County Council who will seek planning permission for the building project.
14. Work on the additional accommodation would be expected to start in Autumn 2018, subject to planning permission with completion expected by September 2019. The County Council, school, and contractors will work together to minimise any disruption to pupils during the school term.

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL GROW?

15. The number of pupils is expected to increase year on year for Year 5 intakes, with additional pupils also being accepted into other existing year groups, as a result of children moving into the school's catchment area.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL?

16. An area has been identified for the proposed additional classrooms which will enable the school to continue to operate whilst the building work takes place.
17. Pupils currently at the school would not be affected as we will work closely with the contractor to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum.
18. There will be no substantial changes to the way in which children are taught as a consequence this expansion.
19. The school will continue to serve the community of Penkridge. It will continue to uphold and nurture its strong ethos and values.
20. The standards of teaching and learning will continue to meet the learning and developmental needs of all children.

HOW DO I MAKE MY VIEWS KNOWN TO PENKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL?

21. Please send your views (as below) by 3pm on Wednesday 11 July 2018.
 - **Email** your views to consultation@penkvalley.co.uk
 - **Write** to Penkridge Middle School, Marsh Lane, Penkridge. ST19 5BW.
 - **Attend** the public consultation meeting at Penkridge Middle School.
22. The public consultation meeting on this proposal will be held at Penkridge Middle School on Wednesday 20 June 2018 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm.
23. All the views received will be considered by Penkridge Middle School.